Project GRAD

Practical Nursing Certificate

For full program description, official requirements and course titles visit www.northshore.edu/academics/programs/pnr/official.

NSCC’s Practical Nursing Certificate provides the education necessary for the practice of practical nursing and the awarding of a certificate from the College upon completion of the ten-month program. Student learning occurs through a curriculum based on accepted nursing concepts with emphasis on the development of technical competencies, communication skills, and critical thinking facilitated by faculty guidance and selection of relevant learning experiences in classroom, seminar, laboratory, and clinical settings.

Career Pathway: Health & Science

Types of courses:
Nutrition
Science and biology
Fundamentals of practical nursing

How to start:
Admissions: Selective
- Applications must be received by February.
- Program begins in September.
- Communications and math proficiency must be demonstrated before application will be accepted.
- CORI/SORI checks are required.

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For course descriptions

Apply to graduate from NSCC

Life Continuum Nursing 2
Vocational Trends & Adjustments Practical Nursing
Nutrition 2
Maternal Child Health
Medical-Surgical Nursing
Life Continuum Surgical Nursing 1
Pharmacology for Practical Nursing
Nutrition 1
Fundamentals of Nursing
Human Development & Health Promotion
overview of Microbiology
Anatomy & Physiology for Allied Health

Stop

Check course selection with program advisor

Apply to NSCC
Take Placement Test

Apply to certificate program by February

Four Project Grad courses support academic success

College Reading 2—Project Grad
Individualized Mathematics Review—Project Grad
College Writing 2—Project Grad
Returning to School: Growth & Transition—Project Grad

Project GRAD
at North Shore Community College

Project GRAD is a part-time evening and weekend opportunity to prepare for careers in health and legal fields. It features achievement coaches, cohort classes, online learning, and tutoring. Project GRAD is funded with a grant from the U.S. Department of Education Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education.

www.northshore.edu/grad/information.html
What is Practical Nursing?

**Job Responsibilities**
Collect samples for testing, perform routine laboratory tests, and record food and fluid intake and output of patients. Clean and monitor medical equipment. Help physicians and registered nurses perform tests and procedures. Monitor patients by gathering information. Teach family members to care for patient at home.

**Related Job Titles**
Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN's)

What Makes This Job Hot?
In Massachusetts, this job is expected to grow 10% between 2008 and 2018. Licensed practical nurses (LPNs) work in a variety of settings:

- 25% work in hospitals
- 28% work in nursing care facilities
- 12% work in physician’s office
- 35% work in a variety of other settings

Where can a Practical Nursing Certificate take me?

**Possible promotion track:**
Charge nurses oversee work of other LPNs and nursing aides. LPNs may become credentialed in specialties such as IV therapy, gerontology, and long-term care.

Useful Links
www.careerinfonet.org
http://masscis.intocareers.org

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**Average Health Care Wages in Massachusetts**

- **Home Health Aide**
  - Noncredit certificate
  - $11-$13 hourly

- **Certified Nursing Assistant**
  - Noncredit certificate
  - $13-$15 hourly

- **Pharmacy Technician**
  - Noncredit certificate
  - $13-$15 hourly

- **Medical Office Support/Coder**
  - Credit certificate
  - $16-$19 hourly

- **Medical Assistant**
  - $16-$18 hourly

- **Surgical Technician**
  - Selective admissions, credit certificate
  - $21-$23 hourly

- **Medical Interpreter**
  - Noncredit certificate
  - $20-$26 hourly

- **Licensed Practical Nurse**
  - Selective admissions, credit certificate
  - $22-$25 hourly


NSCC offers all these certificates!